

Minutes of APSG AGM, 7:30pm 9th October 2014

Present: Geoff Sharman (retiring Chairman)
Roger Johnson (Treasurer)
Algirdas Packstas (Membership Secretary)
Bob Beatson (Committee Member)
Tom Lake (Co-opted Committee Member)
Rob Packwood (Committee Member)
Joseph Woodward (Committee Member)
+20 other members

Apologies, Minutes and Matters Arising

Apologies were received from David Cairns, Joe Martel and Brian Wichmann. Minutes of the meeting held on 10th October 2013 were approved and there were no matters arising.

Chairman's Report

GS reviews the past season which had included none meetings, as listed in his accompanying presentation. Attendance had averaged other 30 per meeting with a high of 60 for the presentation on Hadoop. A meeting in Manchester had been attended by only two members of APSG (although attracting a good local audience) and this experiment would not be repeated.

Six meetings had been recorded and broadcast using Google+ Hangouts on Air. An expanded version of the annual survey had been conducted via SurveyMonkey and received almost 100 responses. Survey results are available on the web pages and showed the Hadoop talk had both the highest attendance/viewing numbers and was the most enjoyed.

Registered APSG membership stood at 1666 with 125 members of the LinkedIn discussion group. This, together with other data, suggested that active membership is around 200 - 300. The committee would meet on 13th November and planned to hold eight meetings this season, although details could not be announced yet, and would consider the possibility of cooperation with the Distributed and Scalable Computing SG.

Treasurer's Report

RJ reported expenditure of £1284 against an initial budget of £1,000 plus supplementary budget of £200. The additional expenditure was mainly due to the expenses of inviting a speaker from Barcelona, and the overspend had been approved by BCS. The approved budget for the forthcoming year was £1,100 and there were currently no plans for overseas speakers.

Election of Officers

The following were elected to serve as officers and committee members:

Chairman	Rob Packwood	
Vice-Chairman	vacant	
Treasurer	Roger Johnson	
Membership Secretary	Algirdas Pakstas	
Publicity Officer	Darlington Matamisa	
Events Organiser	Joe Woodward	
Recording Officer	Geoff Sharman	
Technical Committee	Peter Seymour	Jan Kim
	Joe Daly	Bob Beatson

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Bob agreed to continue as a committee member in the absence of a vice-chairman, to ensure a full committee of 10 people. Joe Woodward said he was moving away from London and anticipated additional family responsibilities in the near future, which would limit the time he could give to APSG. However arrangements for this season's meetings were already in place.

GS noted that additional roles had been added to the committee and these should take some load off the new chairman. He thanked all committee members for their service over the past year and RJ proposed a vote of thanks to GS for his service as chairman over the past four years.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 7:50pm.